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Recommendations and Letters.

We, the undersigned, are well acquainted with James Gleason. He is an active energetic man, and has had an extensive practice as Landscape Gardener and in general ground work. He wishes to take an active part in the present war in defence of his adopted country, under whose protection he has lived for the last fourteen years. He wishes to raise a company of Sappers and Miners, a position we think he will fill with credit to himself and to the interest of the Government.

Signed,

H. R. COGGSHALL.

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

Col. Commanding late 24th Regiment, P. V.

I have employed Mr. Gleason many times, and have full confidence in his energy and capability, and earnestly hope he will be employed by the Government. I think he would prove a valuable man.

Signed,

JAY COOKE,

Banker.

I concur in the above.

Signed,

WM. G. MOREHEAD,

President Phila. and Erie R. R. Co.

J. LIGHTFOOT,

Chief Engineer P. G. and N. R. R. Co.

I concur in the above.

Signed,

E. C. DALE,

President Ger. and Nor. R. R. Co.

I have no hesitation in fully endorsing the above, having known Mr Gleason for many years.

Signed,

THOMAS I. MILES,

Banker, 23 South Third Street, Phila.

I have no hesitation in recommending James Gleason as fully calculated to fill the position he is applying for, having known him for a number of years.

Signed,

W. H. STOKES,

President M. F. I. Co.

CHARLES TAYLOR,

Director N. A. L. I. Co.

CHAS. WISTER,

FRED. FAIRTHORNE,

32 South Third street, Phila.

I also heartily sign the above recommendation.

Signed,

M. W. WOODWARD,

Cashier Man. and Mec. Bank.

I entirely concur in the foregoing.

Signed,

R. P. M. McCULLOUGH,

Treas. Adams Ex. Co.

I concur in above.

Signed,

JOHN C. BULLITT,

BULLITT FAIRTHORNE,

W. S. SCHAFFER,

Cashier Girard Bank, Phila.

I have known Mr. Gleason for many years, and entirely concur in the foregoing.

Signed,

D. M. ROBINSON,

Banker.

I fully concur in the foregoing.

Signed,

E. R. COPE,

Riverside Paper Mill.

A true copy.

Signed,

J. H. TAYLOR,

A. A. General.

Pennsylvania, s. s.: }
A. G. CURTIN. }



In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the said Commonwealth, to all to whom these presents shall come, sends greeting :

KNOW YE, That James Gleason, of the County of Philadelphia, has been duly appointed by me, the said Andrew G. Curtin Quartermaster, with the rank of First Lieutenant of the Sixty-ninth Regiment of Infantry, Pennsylvania Volunteers, mustered into the service of the United States for the defence of the General Government. I do commission him to rank as such from the First Day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

He is, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Quartermaster, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. This Commission to continue in force until the same shall be lawfully determined as annulled.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this Sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-sixth.

Signed,

ELI SLIFER,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor.

A true copy.

JAS GLEASON,

Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. V.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE,
Ashby's Gap, Virginia, Nov. 5th, 1862.

General Order, {
 No. 42. }

The following named officers are announced as the staff of the Colonel Commanding the Brigade, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly :

First Lieut. F. M. Pleis, 106th Pa. Vols., A. A. A. G.

First Lieut. Eneas Dougherty, 69th Pa. Vols., A. D. C.

Second Lieut. R. S. Seabury, 71st Pa. Vols., A. D. C.

First Lieut. James Gleason, 69th Pa. Vols., A. A. Q. M.

By command of Col. Owen, Commanding Brigade :

F. M. PLEIS,

A. A. A. G.

CAMP OF SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,
Near Warrenton, Va., November 13th, 1862.

HON. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

SIR :—The undersigned would most respectfully and earnestly ask for the appointment of Lieut. James Gleason, Quartermaster of the 69th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, as Captain and Assistant Quartermaster for this Brigade, in which capacity he has been serving since the removal of its former incumbent, Capt. H. S. Camblos. He has at various times served as Division and Brigade Quartermaster, with great satisfaction to his superior officers, and his appointment to the position will not only be to the satisfaction of this entire command, but will be no more than a just reward to a faithful and meritorious officer. We believe the interests of the service will be promoted thereby.

We have the honor to be most respectfully

your obedient servants,

Signed, JOSHUA T. OWEN,
 Col. 69th P. V., Commanding Brigade.

T. G. MOOREHEAD,
 Col. 106th P. V.

D. W. C. BAXTER,
 Col. 72d P. V.

D. O. KANE,
 Lt. Col., Commanding 69th P. V.

A true copy of the original document.

Signed, E. E. CAMP,
 Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy. Signed, J. H. TAYLOR,
 A. A. G.

[Endorsement.]

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., March 3, 1863.

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of War. Lt. Gleason's recommendations and services qualify him for promotion to rank as A. Q. M., Vols.

Signed, M. C. MEIGS,
 Qr. Mr. General.

Let the promotion be made according to the above recommendation of General Meigs.

Signed, A. LINCOLN.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,

February 14th, 1863.

TO BRIG. GEN. MEIGS, Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

SIR:—I beg leave to present the claims of Lt. James Gleason, who was my Regimental Quartermaster, and upon my taking command of the brigade about four months ago, became Acting Brigade Quartermaster. He has uniformly discharged his duties with energy and zeal, and managed his department skillfully, and given great satisfaction to myself and officers of my command. I would like very much to have him promoted to a Captaincy, and assigned to this brigade as Quartermaster. His long and faithful services richly entitle him to this promotion.

I may say that the position is one, as is known to you, General, the duties of which cannot be learned in a day, and the efficiency of the Department, so well managed by you, requires for its continual efficiency, the co-operation of intelligent and energetic subordinates in the army. Lt. Gleason thoroughly understands his business.

I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

Brig. General Commanding.

Philadelphia, March 20th. 1863.

HON. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War:

SIR:—Lieut. James Gleason, Quartermaster 69th P. V., is highly recommended by his commanding officers for promotion as Captain. His recommendations are on file in the Department. The officers referred to request that he be assigned to duty as Quartermaster of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps. Mr. Gleason is a citizen of my district and well known to me, and it gives me pleasure to unite in the recommendations referred to, as well as in the request that he be assigned to the brigade mentioned, if there be a vacancy there, and if compatible with the military acquirements of the service.

I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,

J. RUSSEL THAYER,

M. C., 5th District.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., April 7th, 1863.

SIR:—You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, with the rank of Captain, in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly. Immediately on receipt of hereof please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant General of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, and report your age, birth-place, and the State of which you were a permanent resident.

You will then report to the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, by letter.

Signed, EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

CAPT. JAMES GLEASON,

Assistant Qr. Mr., Vols.

A true copy.

Signed, E. E. CAMP,
Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy.

Signed, J. H. TAYLOR,
A. A. G.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., May 18th, 1863.

CAPT. JAMES GLEASON, Assistant Quartermaster Volunteers,

Care of Box 489, Philadelphia, Pa.

CAPT.:—Your official bond having been received, you are directed to repair without delay to the Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, there to report in person to Lt. Col. Rufus Ingalls, Chief Quartermaster of that army, for assignment to duty. When assigned report by letter to the Quartermaster General. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

G., 251, Bk. 52.
M.

Signed, J. SIBLEY,
Lt. Col. U. S. A., Dept. Qr. Mr. Genl.

A true copy.

Signed, E. E. CAMP,
Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy.

Signed, J. H. TAYLOR,
A. A. Gen.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Washington, January 9, 1864.*Special Orders, }
No. 13. }

[Extract.]

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31.—The following named officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates are hereby detailed on recruiting service, and will report to the Governor of Pennsylvania, through the Superintendent of Volunteer Recruiting Service, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania :

Captain James Gleason, Assistant Quartermaster, Second Brigade,
Second Division, Second Corps.

* * * *

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of the Secretary of War :

Signed, E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official. Signed. E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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OFFICE SUPT. VOL. REC. SERVICE, EASTERN DIVISION, PENNSYLVANIA,
Office A. A. Provost-Marshal-General at Philadelphia,

No. 1214 Spruce Street,

Philadelphia, Penna., January 22, 1864.

Special Orders,)
No. 29. }

Capt. James Gleason, Assistant Quartermaster, Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Corps, having been detailed for duty on recruiting service, in accordance with Special Orders, No. 13, A. G. O., series 1864, will at once open a recruiting station in Germantown, Pa.

Capt. Gleason will forward triplicate copies of contract for rent of office and board and lodging of recruits, to this office for approval.

C. C. GILBERT,

Major 19th U. S. Infantry, Supt. Vol. Rec. Ser.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

To all who shall see these presents greeting :

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of James Gleason, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, with the rank of Captain in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three. He is, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Assistant Quartermaster, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as Assistant Quartermaster. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, or the General or other superior officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and in the eighty-eighth year of the independence of the United States.

Signed, ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President :

Signed, EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,

*April 20th, 1864.*Special Orders, }
No. 110. }

[Extract.]

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15.—Captain James Gleason, A. Q. M., Vols., is assigned to duty with the Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps, relieving Captain I. Lockhart, A. A. Q. M., who will rejoin his regiment.

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By command of Major General Meade :

Signed, S. WILLIAMS,
A. A. G.

—

HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY CORPS,

April 21st, 1864.

Official. Signed, F. A. WALKER,
A. A. G.

—

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,

April 21st, 1864.

Official. Signed, JNO. M. NORVELL,
Major and A. A. G.

—

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CORPS,

April 22d, 1864.

Official. Signed, ROBT. S. SEABURY,
Captain and A. A. G.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., March 12th, 1865.

SIR:—Under General Orders, No. 252, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, and Special Orders, No. 317, from the same authority, you are hereby directed to appear before the Board of Examination for Quartermasters and Assistant Quartermasters in the district in which you are serving, at such time and place as may be designated by the President of the Board, through whom this order is transmitted to you.

The general orders above referred to are herewith enclosed for your information.

By order of the Quartermaster General :

GEO. N. RUTHERFORD,

Colonel, Quartermaster's Department.

To CAPT. JAMES GLEASON, *Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A.*

Place of Examination : Headquarters Army of the Potomac.

Time of appearance : 11 A. M., March 13th, 1865.

R. N. BATCHELDER,

Col. and President of the Board of Examiners.

This is to certify that Capt. J. Gleason, A. Q. M., appeared before the Board for examination of officers of the Quartermaster's Department, for the "District comprising the armies operating against Richmond, including the Department of Virginia and North Carolina," on the 13th day of March, 1865, and was examined in accordance with War Department General Orders, No. 252, of August 31, 1864.

R. N. BATCHELDER,

Col. and President of the Board of Examination.

Proceedings of the Board for the Examination of Officers of the Quartermaster's Department for the "District comprising the armies operating against Richmond, including the Department of Virginia and North Carolina," which convened at Headquarters Army of the Potomac, by virtue of the following orders, viz:—War Department General Orders, No. 252, of August 31, 1864, and War Department Special Orders, No. 317, of September 23, 1864.

March 13, 1865,—11 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing orders.

Present, Col. R. N. Batchelder, Chief Quartermaster, Army of the Potomac; Lt. Col. L. H. Pierce, Chief Quartermaster, 9th Army Corps; Lt. Col. G. A. Shallenberger, Chief Quartermaster, Second Army Corps.

The Board then proceeded to the examination of Capt. J. Gleason, A. Q. M. Vols., who appeared before it. The Board and the Clerk were then duly sworn by the Recorder in the presence of the officer to be examined.

Examination as to Mental Qualifications.

Have you received any order to appear before this Board for examination?

Yes sir.

Are you ready for the examination at this time?

Yes sir.

What is your age?

Forty years.

From what State were you appointed?

Pennsylvania.

What is the date of your appointment as Assistant Quartermaster?

April 7th, 1863.

Write out a short statement of your military history, from your first entry into the service to the present time.

What personal report are you required to make at the commencement of each month?

One to the Quartermaster General and one to the Adjutant General.

What monthly returns are you required to make to the Departments at Washington?

To the Quartermaster General, form 1, a summary statement; 2, a report of persons and articles hired; 3, a roll of extra duty men; 5, a report of means of transportation; 6, a report of forage issued; 8, I also send, and 9, which is an estimate of funds.

What forms do you send to the Third Auditor?

The account current, No. 10, with the vouchers from 11 to 22 inclusive, What is No. 23?

A return of Quartermaster's stores received, issued and remaining on hand. How many copies of that form do you make?

Three.

How many sets of vouchers?

Two.

What do you with them?

Two copies of No. 23, one with and one without vouchers, I send to the Quartermaster General; and one copy, with one set of vouchers, I retain for my own protection.

What is abstract "L"?

An abstract of stores expended.

What does the Quartermaster's Department provide for the army?

Quarters, fuel, forage, straw, stationery, hospital and barrack furniture, and means of transportation.

Name some of the incidental expenses of the army paid by the Quartermaster's Department.

The pay of extra duty men, the pay of employees of the Quartermaster's Department, and court martial expenses.

What is the standard of fuel?

Merchantable hard wood.

What is the present forage ration in the army?

To horses it is six pounds of hay and fourteen pounds of grain; for mules it is six pounds of hay and twelve pounds of grain.

For how many horses is a Major General entitled to draw forage?

Five.

A Brigadier General, how many?

Four.

Field officers of a regiment, how many?

Two, if entitled to the cavalry allowance.

A Chaplain, how many?

One.

What is the allowance of tents in the field?

To a division, one wall tent for the commanding officer, one for office purposes, and one for every two staff officers. To a regiment, three wall tents for the field officers, one shelter tent for each line officer, and one for every two non-commissioned officers and privates.

What is the basis of the transportation allowance to a division?

Seven wagons are allowed to every thousand men, for forage and commissary stores; three wagons for an ammunition train, to every thousand men armed and equipped; to a division headquarters, for baggage, forage, &c., three wagons, one two-horse wagon and one two-horse spring wagon; to a brigade headquarters, for baggage and forage, three wagons and one light spring wagon; to a regiment numbering less than three hundred men, one wagon; to a regiment of more than three hundred, but less than seven hundred men, two wagons; and to one numbering more than seven hundred men, three wagons.

What are you required to do with money not needed for immediate use?

Deposit it with a United States Assistant Treasurer.

What explanation is required to accompany all accounts of expenditures?

A statement why the expenditure was made.

If an account is disallowed, or an error of fact in the certificate, upon whom does the loss fall?

Upon the party making the certificate.

To what extent can an officer receive credit for expenditures made on the order of his commanding officer?

If any such expenditures were afterward disallowed, the officer giving the order would be responsible.

When a disbursing officer is relieved, what is he required to do?

He must transfer to his successor all the money and property that may be in his possession at the time.

What is he required to do with his outstanding debts?

Transfer them also.

Who regulates the rate of hire of employees in the Quartermaster's Department?

The chief of the department.

When a signature is not written by the hand of the party, what is required?

The signature must be witnessed.

When a hired person is discharged and not paid, what should he receive ?

A statement of his accounts.

Are you authorized to insure public property ?

I think not.

How should public property be branded ?

With the letters U. S.

When public property becomes damaged in any way, except by fair wear and tear, what action is necessary ?

I would have a Board of Survey called, to examine the property and report its damage.

How are Boards of Survey convened ?

By the commanding officer of the post, on application made to him by the officer in charge of the property.

Can a Board of Survey condemn public property ?

No, sir.

How is public property condemned ?

By an officer of the Inspector General's Department, and disposed of by his order.

Can an inspection officer order the disposition of condemned property ?

He must have the authority of the commander of the corps.

In how many forms are the inspection reports required to be made ?

In triplicate.

When you present property for inspection, what certificates are you required to make ?

A certificate enumerating the articles, and stating that, in my opinion, they require to be inspected, and that they have not been inspected before.

Can public property be transferred from one staff department to another ?

No, sir.

How is public property, lost or destroyed in the military service, to be accounted for ?

By affidavit or certificate.

Before whom should affidavits be taken ?

A civil magistrate, a judge advocate, or a commissioned officer.

What certificate is required when the affidavit is not taken before the first mentioned on the list ?

A certificate that he was not accessible.

When public property has been condemned and ordered for sale, how should it be disposed of ?

At public auction.

How are the expenses of the sale to be paid ?

From the proceeds of the sale.

How are quartermasters stores obtained in this army ?

On monthly estimates made by the quartermasters, approved by their immediate commanders, the corps commander, and the chief quartermaster of the department.

What papers pass at the depot between the issuing and receiving officer ?

Duplicate invoices and receipts.

When an officer to whom stores have been forwarded has reason to believe they have been miscarried, what action should be taken ?

He should report the fact to the officer sending them.

What should be done on the death of an officer in charge of public property ?

The commander appoints an officer to take charge of the property, and orders an inventory to be taken.

What is mileage ?

Compensation allowed to officers traveling on public service, when not furnished with Government transportation.

What is the rate per mile to officers who are traveling under orders ?

Six cents, except when they are traveling east or west of the Rocky Mountains.

What are the ordinary expenses of a court martial ?

In the field the recorder is the only officer allowed compensation. He receives one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

What is the income tax ?

A tax of five per cent. on all salaries exceeding six hundred dollars a year.

To whom is income tax forwarded ?

To the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Can officers purchase horses from the Government ?

Yes, sir.

What is the law regulating that matter ?

They must pay thirty-three and one-third per cent. additional to Government price.

What is an officer required to do with the horse he has purchased from the Government, when he is leaving the department in which he has been serving ?

To turn it in to the quartermaster, who repays him the sum he paid for the horse, unless it should be damaged, in which case a Board of Appraisal determines the value he shall receive.

Is an officer ever allowed commutation for forage?

Yes, sir; when it cannot be furnished by the Government.

When public despatches are sent by telegraph, what is required as a voucher for payment?

A copy of the telegram, or a certificate that such mode of communication was necessary for the public service.

What is the law restricting the amusements of disbursing officers?

They are not allowed to gamble, on the penalty of dismissal.

The officer was here given some examples in the computation of time, and in the payment of services. The mental examination here rested. The officer then signed the certificate hereto annexed, and marked "B."

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Opinion as to Mental Qualifications.

The Board are of opinion that Capt. J. Gleason, A. Q. M., Vols., is thoroughly conversant with the practical details and routine of business pertaining to the Quartermaster's Department. He showed himself perfectly familiar with the system of accounts, and the manner of deducting the income tax.

His answers to all the authentic questions given him were promptly and correctly made.

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Opinion as to Moral Qualifications.

Nothing appeared before the Board affecting the moral character of this officer, and the Board therefore reports him qualified in this respect.

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Opinion as to Physical Qualifications.

The Board refers to the annexed medical certificate, marked "A," as to the physical qualifications of this officer, which shows him to be qualified in this respect.

REPORT.

The Board, therefore, report that Capt. J. Gleason, A. Q. M., Vols., is mentally, morally and physically qualified for an officer of the Quartermaster's Department.

Signed, R. N. BATCHELDER,
Col. and President of the Board of Examination.
Signed, L. H. PIERCE,
Lt. Col. and Chief Quartermaster, Ninth Corps.
Signed, G. A. SHALLENBERGER,
Lt. Col. and Recorder,

March 13th, 1865.

In answer to your request to make a statement of my military career, I have the honor to state that I entered the service in August, 1861, as private, Company G, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; September, 1861, appointed Second Lieutenant; November, 1861, appointed First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster; April, 1863, appointed Captain and A. Q. M., and ordered on duty with Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Corps; July, 1864, appointed Acting Chief Quartermaster, Second Division, Second Corps, which position I still occupy. I have participated, in my official capacity, in every march and battle the Second Division, Second Corps were engaged in, commencing with Ball's Bluff, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Days' Retreat from in front of Richmond, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Bristow's Station, and the entire campaigns of 1864 and 1865,

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, JAS. GLEASON,
Capt. and A. Q. M., Second Division, Second Corps,

BOARD OF EXAMINATION OF QUARTERMASTERS, FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA,

March 13th, 1865.

"A."

Surgeon's Certificate.

I certify that I have carefully examined the physical condition of Capt. J. Gleason, A. Q. M., Vols., and that I am satisfied that his constitution is sufficiently robust to qualify him for the ordinary duties of his office and station, and that he is not suffering from, or subject to, any infirmity resulting either from age or disease, or other cause which disqualifies him for active service.

Signed,

J. SIMON SMITH,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

N. B.—In cases where the examining surgeon finds that he cannot certify as above, he will state the nature of the infirmity, and his opinion as to the degree and duration of the disqualifications caused thereby; also his opinion as to whether the infirmity has resulted from wounds, or has been incurred in the performance of military duty, or as the consequence of necessary exposure in such duty.

BOARD OF EXAMINATION OF QUARTERMASTERS, FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA,

March 13th, 1865.

"B."

Certificate.

I certify on honor that I am not, either as a partner in any commercial firm, or individually or otherwise, in any manner whatsoever interested in any business dealings or transactions having to do with any of the supplies or stores dealt in by the Quartermaster's Department, and that I am not, either directly or indirectly, interested pecuniarily in any transactions whatsoever connected with my official duties; and that I do not now desire, and do not expect hereafter to desire, any emoluments from my official position, other than the pay and allowances prescribed by law for an officer of my grade.

Signed,

JAMES GLEASON,

Capt. and A. Q. M., Second Division, Second Corps.

A true copy.

Signed,

J. H. TAYLOR,

A. A. Gen.

A true copy.

J. H. TAYLOR,

A. A. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Washington, D. C., May 25th, 1865.*Special Orders, }
No. 252. }

{Extract.}

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37.—Captain James Gleason, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Volunteers, is hereby assigned to duty as Division Quartermaster of the Second Division, Second Army Corps, with the temporary rank, pay and emoluments of Major of the Quartermaster's Department, under Act of July 4th, 1864.

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By order of the Secretary of War :

Signed,

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

A true copy.

JAS. GLEASON,

Brevet Major and A. Q. M., Vols.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY CORPS,

Camp in the Field, May 28th, 1865.

I have known Major James Gleason, present Chief Quartermaster Second Division, Second Army Corps, ever since his connection with the Quartermaster's Department, and take great pleasure in bearing testimony, not only to his energy and ability as an officer in the field, but to his general good character and standing among all with whom he came in contact in his varied business relations.

Major Gleason entered the army early in the commencement of the war; by his faithful and arduous labor in the Department with which he was connected; won the respect and confidence of his superiors, and has been honorably promoted from a Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster, to the rank and position he now holds.

I have always considered him an efficient, reliable and worthy officer, and trust he may receive, as evidence of the same, still further promotion in the department he has served so long and so well.

Signed,

G. A. SHALLENBERGER,

Lt. Col. and Chief Quartermaster, Second Army Corps.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,

*Washington, D. C., April 27th, 1866.**Official copy.*

Signed,

J. H. TAYLOR,

A. A. General.

A true copy.

Signed,

E. E. CAMP,

Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy.

J. H. TAYLOR,

A. A. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., July 13th, 1865.

Special Orders, }
 No. 367. }

[Extract.]

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13.—Major James Gleason, Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, will report in person, without delay, to the Commanding General, and to the Chief Quartermaster Department of Washington, for assignment to duty.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

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| | Signed, | E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant General. |
| <i>A true copy.</i> | Signed, | E. E. CAMP, Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A. |
| <i>A true copy.</i> | J. H. TAYLOR, | A. A. G. |

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,

Office of Chief Quartermaster,

Washington, D. C., July, 17th, 1865.

MAJOR JAMES GLEASON, Assistant Quartermaster, Volunteers.

MAJOR :—Having reported to me, in compliance with Special Orders, No. 367, par. 13, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, July 13, 1865, and instructions from the Major General commanding this Department, of this date, you are hereby assigned to duty in this office, in charge of transportation, &c.

By command of Major General Augur:

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| | Signed, | M. I. LUDINGTON, Col. and Chief Quartermaster, Dept. of Washington. |
| <i>A true copy.</i> | Signed, | E. E. CAMP, Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A. |
| <i>A true copy.</i> | J. H. TAYLOR, | A. A. G. |

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, July 29th, 1865.

SIR :—You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you, for faithful and meritorious services during the war, a Major of Volunteers, by brevet, in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant General of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, and report your age, birthplace, and the State of which you are a permanent resident.

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

BREVET MAJOR JAMES GLEASON, U. S. Volunteers,
through the Quartermaster General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,

Washington, D. C., September 8th, 1865.

Special Orders, }
No. 220. }

[Extract.]

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II.—1. Captain C. A. Krause, Second District Columbia Volunteers A. A. Q. M., will turn over to Major J. Gleason, A. Q. M., U. S. V., all quartermaster's stores and property now in his possession.

2. Major Gleason will, in addition to receipting for such quartermaster's property as may be presented, transfer to his rolls all employees now borne on the rolls of Capt. Krause.

By command of Major General Augur :

A. R. SEWALL,

Lt. and A. A. A. G.

Washington City, D. C., September 26th, 1865.

Captain James Gleason, Assistant Quartermaster Volunteers, late Major and Chief Quartermaster, Second Division, Second Army Corps, is to me personally known. He has served for a long time in the Army of the Potomac, and I have had many opportunities of seeing and judging of his merits as an officer of the Quartermaster's Department.

I have always heard him very highly spoken of, and from what I have seen of him, I consider him a reliable and valuable officer.

Understanding that he desires to remain in the military service of the United States, I take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities which Captain Gleason possesses, and trust that in the reorganization, his case will be favorably considered.

Signed, RUFUS INGALLS,
Brevet Major General and Quartermaster, U. S. A.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

Signed, W. SHAW,
Brevet Major and A. D. C.

A true copy. Signed, E. E. CAMP,
Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy. J. H. TAYLOR,
A. A. G.

Washington, D. C., May 11th, 1866.

Captain James Gleason was Assistant Quartermaster in the Second Army Corps, and was known to me, through the Chief Quartermaster, as one of the most energetic and reliable officers of his Department, and he was selected, on the recommendation of the Chief Quartermaster, on several occasions requiring unusual judgment and energy, for the performance of important duties.

Signed, C. H. MORGAN,
Brevet Col., U. S. A., late Chief of Staff, Second Army Corps.

A true copy. Signed, E. E. CAMP,
Brevet Lt. Col. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

A true copy. J. H. TAYLOR,
A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
Office of Chief Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C., August 4th, 1866.

I have known Brevet Major James Gleason, A. Q. M., for the past three years, and served as a brother officer of the Quartermaster's Department, in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, with him for nearly two years.

During that time he was always reputed to be a very faithful and efficient officer, and ever ready in the performance of his duties.

In the summer of 1865, he was assigned to duty under direction of this office, and he has at all times since discharged the trusts committed to his charge with faithfulness, energy and ability.

Signed, M. I. LUDINGTON,
 Colonel and Chief Quartermaster Department of Washington.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
August 9th, 1866.

I concur entirely with Colonel Ludington, respecting the character as an officer, and the services of Major Gleason. During the time he has served in this Department, he has been attentive to his duties, and intelligent and active in performing them. He is a good quartermaster, and respectfully recommended for promotion.

Signed, C. C. AUGUR,
 Major General, U. S. A.

A true copy.

J. H. TAYLOR,
 A. A. Gen.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

To all who shall see these presents, greeting :

KNOW YE, That I do hereby confer on James Gleason, of the United States Volunteers, in the service of the United States, by and with the consent of the Senate, the rank of Major, by brevet, in said service, to rank as such from the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five, for meritorious services in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and for the faithful execution of cemeterial work.

And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command to obey and respect him accordingly; and he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me or the future President of the United States of America, and other officers set over him, according to law and the rules and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the ninety-first year of the independence of the United States,

Signed,

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President :

Signed,

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War,

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

To all who shall see these presents, greeting :

KNOW YE, That I do hereby confer on James Gleason, of the United States Volunteers, in the service of the United States, by and with the consent of the Senate, the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, by brevet, in said service, to rank as such from the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five, for meritorious services in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and for the faithful execution of cemeterial work.

And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command to obey and respect him accordingly. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, and other officers set over him, according to law and the rules and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the ninety-first year of the independence of the United States.

Signed,

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President :

Signed,

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

Recorded, Vol. 5, page 88, A. G. O., Nov. 11, 1867.

Signed,

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

To all who shall see these presents, greeting :

KNOW YE, That I do hereby confer on James Gleason, of the United States Volunteers, in the service of the United States, by and with the consent of the Senate, the rank of Colonel, by brevet, in said service, to rank as such from the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five, for meritorious services in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and for the faithful execution of cemeterial work.

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This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the ninety-first year of the independence of the United States.

Signed,

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President :

Signed,

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

*Washington. May 7th. 1867.*Special Orders, }
No. 233. }

[Extract.]

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12.—Under the provisions of General Orders, No. 79, May 1, 1865, from this office, the services of the following named officers being no longer needed, they are hereby honorably mustered out of the service of the United States.

They will receive no final payments until they shall have satisfied the Pay Department that they are not indebted to the United States :

Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Volunteers, Capt. James Gleason, Brevet Colonel.

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By order of the Secretary of War :

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official.

R. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

[Endorsement.]

Paid in full, from 1st of May to 7th of May, 1867, with three months extra pay proper.

J. B. M. POTTER,
P. M., A. G. O.

Washington, June 1, 1867.



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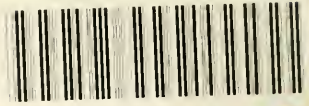


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